Employees' Association to effect promotion from Clerical cadre within three months from the date of issue of the order;

(b) whether Government of India have honoured this direction of the High Court;

(c) if not, whether Government have asked the High Court for extension of time; and

(d) the reasons for not implementing the order for such a long period without taking the permission of the concerned High Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) No direction was given by the Patna High Court to effect promotion from clerical cadre within 3 months from the date of issue of the order. However, the Patna High Court n CWJC No. 8945 of 1991 made the following observations while disposing of the petition.

"In this view of the matter, this application is disposed of with the directio to the Central Government to lay down the policy decision as early as possible and preferably within 3 months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. We however, hope and trust that as soon as the policy laid down by the Central Government is received by the sponsor bank and/or respondent bank the vacant posts shall be filled up in terms of the policy decision. This application is disposed of with the aforementioned direction."

(b) to (d) Government of India, under Section 29 of the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) Act, is empowered to frame rules for the appointment of employees of the RRB. Draft Rules for promotion have been prepared and circulated to sponsor banks for their suggestions and comments. These rules are now under examination in consultation with the Ministry of Law.

The Standing counsel of the Union Government in the Patna High Court has been advised to bring the present position of the case to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court.

Evasion of Tax by MNCs

*573. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MNCs in cosmetic toilet soap and detergent industries are resorting to under-pricing and are thereby evading impact of tax burden;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are giving generous margins to dealers to the disadvantage of local manufacturers; and

(c) whether free market permits such unfair competition against local industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) The Central Excises & Salt Act provides for specific deductions and grant of trade discounts in accordance with the normal practice in the wholesale trade for determining the assessable value. Such deductions and trade discounts are allowable to all manufacturers of toilet soap and detergent without any discrimination.

It has been reported that a few manufacturers have claimed some deductions/ discounts which, prima facie, may be inadmissible. Such cases, as usual, are dealt with in accordance with the law.

Currency Fluctuation in World Market

*574. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about currency fluctuation in the world market;